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For: **CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS UDP-N-ACETYLENOLPYRUVYLGLUCOSAMINE  
REDUCTASE (*S. aureus* MurB)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/632,947 filed on August 4, 2000 (issued as Patent No. 6,356,845 on March 12, 2002).

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, lines 3-33 and ending at page 33, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

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The structure coordinates set forth in Figure 4 can be used to aid in obtaining structural information about another crystallized molecule or molecular complex. The method of the invention allows determination of at least a portion of the three-dimensional structure of molecules or molecular complexes which contain one or more structural features that are similar to structural features of *S. aureus* MurB. These molecules are referred to herein as "structurally